

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic equipment comprising:
at least one light source, in which light of the light source is guided and emitted from an operation member having translucent properties via an optical waveguide; and
a region that contains phosphor, which is separate from the light source, for emitting visible light by being excited by the light from the light source, said region that contains phosphor is in a path through which the light of the light source is guided,
wherein said at least one light source is detachable from the region that contains phosphor,
wherein the operation member is constituted by a plurality of keytops, and
wherein the region that contains phosphor is a portion surrounding the light source contained in the vicinity of the light source.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment according to claim-3_1, wherein the phosphor is constituted by a plurality of types of phosphors that emit light with different colors from each other.
5. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment according to claim-2_1, further comprising a plurality of regions that contain phosphor, wherein the plurality of regions that contain phosphor are contained in each of the respective plurality of keytops.
6. (Previously presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 5, wherein the phosphor is constituted by a plurality of types of phosphors that emit light with different colors from each other.

7. (Original) The electronic equipment according to claim 6, wherein the plurality types of phosphors are arranged such that patterns, designs, letters, symbols or an arbitrary combination thereof can be recognized with their emitted light with the different colors.

8. (Previously presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 6, wherein at least one of the plurality of types of phosphors is contained in each of the plurality of keytops.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein the electronic equipment is a mobile phone.

11. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment according to any one of claims ~~24~~ to 8, wherein the plurality of keytops, respective region(s) that contain phosphor, and the optical waveguide are integrated into one piece, and the integrated piece including the plurality of keytops and the optical waveguide is configured to be removable with respect to a main body of the electronic equipment that comprises the light source.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 11, wherein the electronic equipment is a mobile phone.

14-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Withdrawn – Previously Presented) An electronic equipment a backlight structure comprising:

at least one light source provided in a printed substrate that is inside a casing having a waveguide plate, in which light of the light source is transmitted through the waveguide plate and emitted, the emission wavelength of the light is in a range from 400-430nm,

wavelength-converting phosphor that emits light by being excited by the light of the light source is provided in a waveguide path leading to a point where the light of the light source is transmitted through the waveguide plate and is emitted out, except the light source and the printed substrate,

wherein at least a keypad serves as the waveguide plate, and
a key backlight, which is an LED, serves as the light source.

21. (Withdrawn) The electronic equipment according to claim 20, which is an electronic equipment configured so as to be foldable at a hinge portion, wherein
in addition to the keypad, the hinge portion serves as the waveguide plate, and
light of the key backlight is guided to the hinge portion.

22. (Withdrawn - Previously presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 20, which is an electronic equipment including an antenna portion, wherein
in addition to the keypad, the antenna portion serves as the waveguide plate, and
light of the key backlight is guided to the antenna portion.

23. (Withdrawn) The electronic equipment according to any one of claims 20 to 22, wherein the electronic equipment is a mobile phone.

24. (Currently Amended) An electronic equipment comprising:
a backlight which transmits light through an operation member and is emitted, and
a wavelength-converting phosphor paint, which is separate from the backlight, emits light by being excited by the light of the backlight,

wherein the backlight is detachable from the wavelength-converting phosphor paint,
wherein the wavelength-converting phosphor paint is on the back face of the operation member, opposing the backlight.

25. (Original) The electronic equipment according to claim 24, wherein the emission wavelength of the backlight is in a range from 400 to 430 nm.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 25, wherein the operation member is a keypad.

28. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to any one of claims 24, 25, and 27, wherein the electronic equipment is a mobile phone.

29-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) The electronic equipment according to any one of claims 1 and 4 to 8, wherein the light source is an LED.

34. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 11, wherein the light source is an LED.

35. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 25, wherein the backlight is an LED.

36. (New) An electronic equipment comprising:

at least one light source, in which light of the light source is guided and emitted from an operation member having translucent properties via an optical waveguide; and

a region that contains phosphor, which is separate from the light source, for emitting visible light by being excited by the light from the light source, said region that contains phosphor is in a path through which the light of the light source is guided,

wherein said at least one light source is detachable from the region that contains phosphor,

wherein the operation member is constituted by a plurality of keytops,

wherein the region that contains phosphor is contained immediately below the upper surface of the keytops.